

REMARKS

The office action of May 18, 2005, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the disclosure is objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 17 and 20 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Wolter.

Claims 1-6 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over German reference 860.

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wolter or German reference 860, in further view of the patent to Goto et al.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wolter or German reference 860, in further view of the patent to Arman.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over German reference 860, in further view of the patent to Suzuki.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the disclosure, applicant has amended page 20, line 15 to include --49-- after "coil".

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the disclosure is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the claims, applicant has canceled claim 3 and amended claims 1, 4, 17 and 20. Claim 1 remains generic for all of the species.

Applicant has amended claims 17 and 20 to correct the informalities pointed out by the Examiner. In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claims 17 and 20 as containing informalities is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous

manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references and particularly to the patent to Wolter, it can be seen that this patent discloses a steering lock for automotive vehicles. The presently claimed invention does not content itself, as does Wolter, with setting the connection of the locking bar blocking element on the one hand and the actuator blocking element on the other hand reciprocally active and inactive. Instead, the presently claimed invention provides the additional latching of the in each case opposed blocking elements. This takes place via a locking shoulder 13 on one side and a working shoulder 23 on the other side, which is not disclosed by Wolter. This can best be seen in the attached EXHIBIT. Page A of the Exhibit shows that the locking bar blocking element 15 is supported against a locking shoulder 13 when the locking arm 11 is in the locking position 11.1. This has the result that the connection 30 arrests the opposite actuator blocking element 25 in the illustrated position 25.1. A theoretical movement of the actuator blocking element 25 of Fig. 1 out of the active position 25.1 into the inactive position 25.2 shown in Fig. 5 is prevented due to the arresting. The analogous holds true for Page B of the Exhibit. Here the actuator blocking element 25 is propped on a working shoulder 23 when the actuator 21 is in the working

position 21.2. This in turn has an influence on the arresting of the opposed locking bar blocking element 15 in order to secure the working position 15.1. As shown in Figs. 6-8 of the present application, in the working position 21.2 of the actuator 21 the end 28 of the actuator blocking element 25 engages the working shoulder 23. In this way the locking arm 11 is fixed in the release position 11.2. Due to the arresting, manipulation of the blocking elements is precluded. Such a construction with a locking shoulder and a working shoulder is not disclosed by Wolter.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

German reference 860 discloses a motor vehicle locking system. This reference also does not disclose the presently claimed invention. The slider 11 of the reference is not an actuator blocking element as in the claims presently on file. Instead it is an intermediate element in the slide chain between the Bowden cable 4 and the cam 9 that is controlled by the cylinder core 8. All that is accomplished is a transfer of movement to the Bowden cable 4 corresponding to the rotational position of the cylinder core 8 that acts as an actuator. The

position of the cylinder core 8 can always be changed via a key between the positions shown in Figs. 1-3. There is no blocking of the slider 11. Furthermore, the securing bolt 16 is no arrestable because a spring 18 is arranged between the end of the Bowden cable 4 and the securing bolt 16. There is no precise position of the securing bolt 16, moreover, the spring allows a relative movement of the bolt relative to the cable. Thus, this reference does not disclose a construction as recited in the claims presently on file.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-6 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

As for the remaining references that were cited against various of the dependent claims, these have also been considered. Since they do not come closer to the presently claimed invention than the references discussed above it is respectfully submitted that any detailed comments thereon at this time are not necessary. These references add nothing to the teachings of Wolter and German reference 860 so as to suggest the presently claimed invention.



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In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 7-9, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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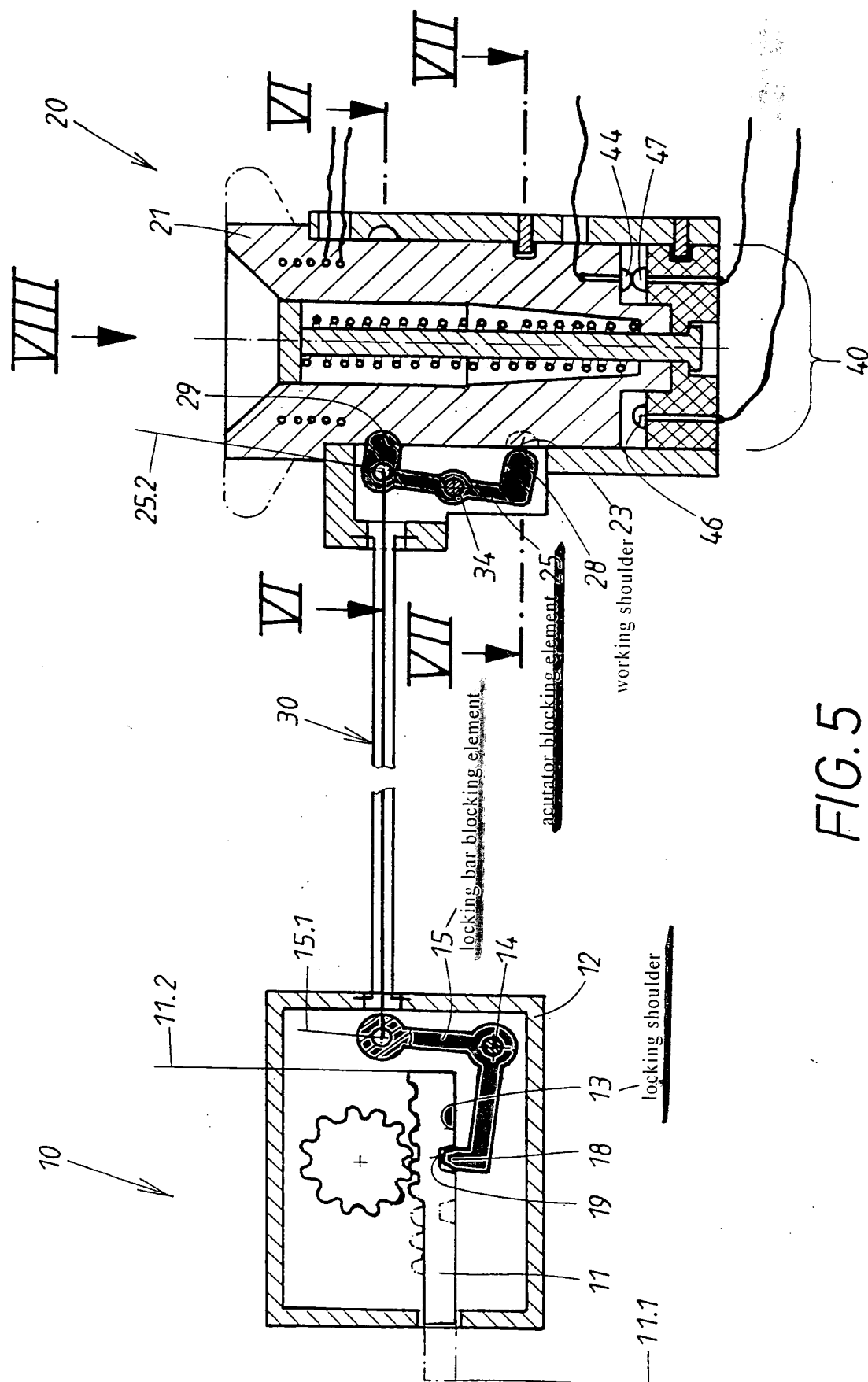


FIG. 5

Exhibit

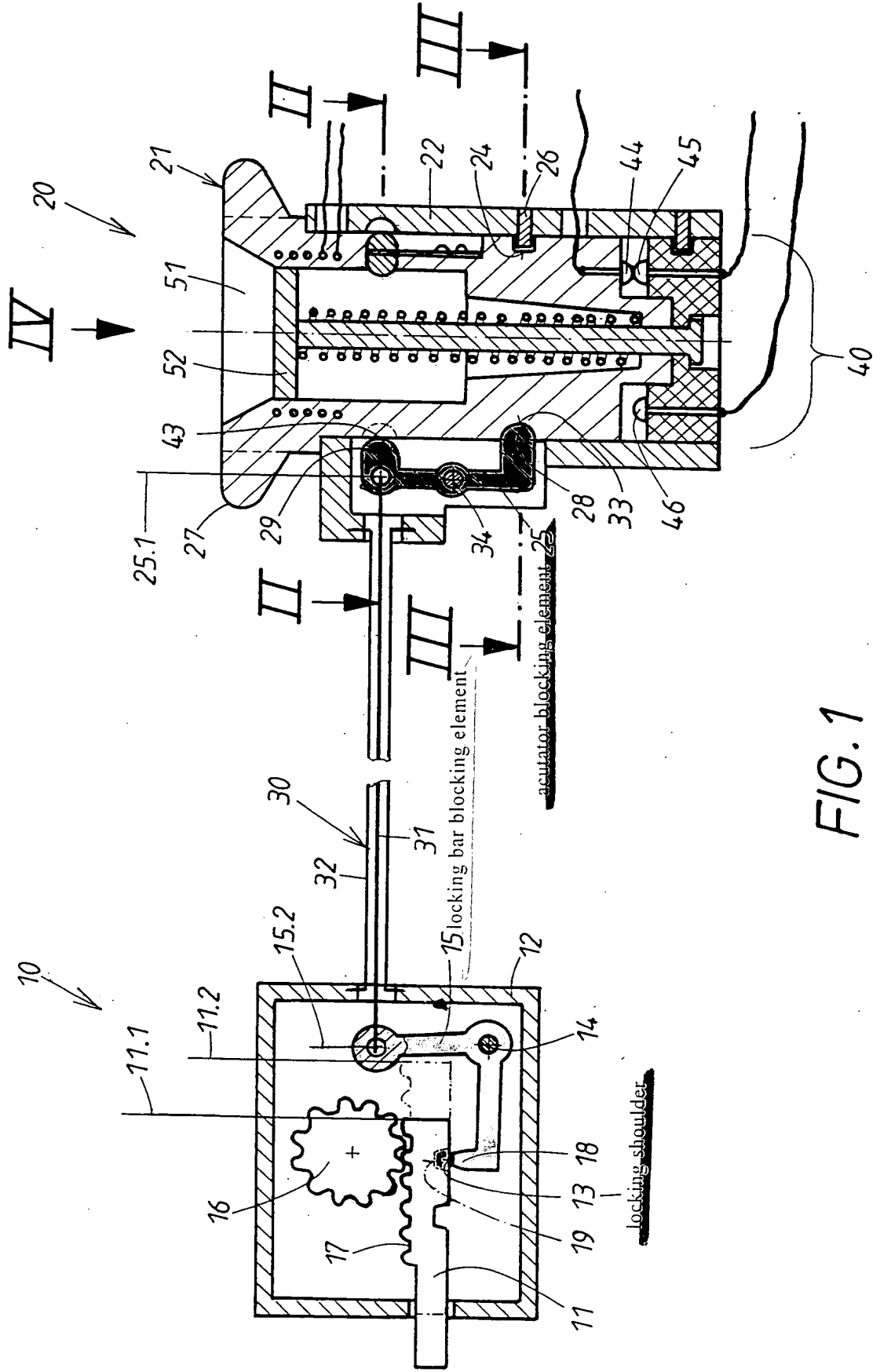


FIG. 1